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**CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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| Attorney Docket No.: | 01001                                     |
| Inventor(s):         | Maxwell et al.                            |
| Title:               | SAMPLE CONTACT PLATE WITH LATCHABLE COVER |
| Examiner:            | Unassigned                                |
| Group:               | Unassigned                                |

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS** (See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents)

- [X] 1. 9 pages of Specification, 4 pages of Claims (# of claims: 20) & Abstract;
- [X] 2. Drawings (35 USC 113)  
Total Number of Figures: 6  
Total Number of Sheets: 5
- [X] 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney  
[ ] a. Newly executed (original or copy)  
[X] b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
- [X] 4. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[X] 5. Preliminary Amendment (canceling Claims 2, 3, 17 – 20).

[X] 6. Fee Transmittal (see below)

| THE FILING FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:       |                 |          |       |   |           |           |
|--|-----------------|----------|-------|---|-----------|-----------|
|  | Claims<br>Filed |          | Extra |   | SMALL     | LARGE     |
| Total Claims   | 14              | Minus 20 |       | X | \$ 370.00 | \$ 740.00 |
| Independent  | 2               | Minus 03 |       | X | \$ 9.00   | \$ 18.00  |
| ( ) Multiple dependent claim fee                         |                 |          |       | + | \$ 42.00  | \$ 84.00  |
|  |                 |          |       |   | \$ 140.00 | \$ 280.00 |
| FILING FEE TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-0364: |                 |          |       |   |           | \$ 740.00 |

[ ] 7. Small Entity Statement

[ ] Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired.

[ ] 8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449

[ ] Including copies of IDS citations (refs.)

[ ] 9. Certified Copy(ies) of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) were received in the parent application, U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, of this application

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[X] 10. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

[X] Continuation [ ] Divisional [ ] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of prior application No. 10/178,422 filed on June 24, 2002

Prior application information: Examiner: D. Redding Group: 1744

[X] 11. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)

[X] 12. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-mentioned fees associated with the filing of this paper and any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0364.

a. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

b. X Fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

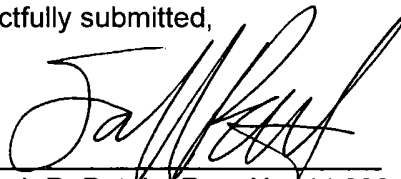
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- ☐ 14. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
- ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF) copy of the Sequence Listing
  - ☐ Paper copy of the Sequence Listing
  - ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
- ☒ 15. Other: Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents)

Respectfully submitted,

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